

Nollywood actress Mercy Johnson Biography

Mercy Johnson is a renowned Nollywood actress known for her movies like 'Dumebi the Dirty Girl' and 'The Maid'. To know more about her childhood, career, profile and timeline read on the following biography



Princess Mercy Johnson Okojie is a beloved Nigerian actress. The Nollywood actress has starred in quite an impressively long list of films. Directors are always sending her scripts. It is even rumored that she receives scripts from American directors. Her kind-hearted nature and strong faith make her an excellent role model for young Nigerian girls. She is adored by many. She

balances a strong acting career with a happy family life. She made headlines when she was seen with her daughter, Purity, riding the train in Lagos. The train is considered to be a means of transportation not suitable for the very rich.

When she experienced car trouble, she didn't think twice about hopping a train with the "ordinary people". This is greatly due to her own humble beginnings right there in Lagos. When questioned, she simply said they are her people. She confessed she rather enjoyed getting close with the people who may not have had access to her, otherwise. This is not the only time she has found herself making headlines.

She often times has found herself surrounded with a lot of controversy. Her life has been the topic of many rumors. Here are some other things you may not know about this adored star.

Childhood & Early Life:

Mercy Johnson was born on August 28, 1984 in Lagos, Nigeria. When she was 2 years old, her military father left her mother, and he took Mercy with to live with him.

She is the middle child of 7 children. She has 3 older sisters and 3 younger brothers. Growing up, she was very close with all of them.

She attended primary school in Calabar and Lagos, Secondary school in 'Rivers State Secondary' and 'Nigerian Navy Secondary School', both in Port Harcourt, River State. She failed her 'University Matriculation Examination' (UMF), which led her to embark on a career in acting.

She grew up poverty stricken. There were times that she skipped school to hawk drinking water amongst other wares in order to help support her family. She even worked as a maid at one time. At one time, her family shared a home with lizards living in an incomplete building with holes in

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the roof and no plaster on the walls or floor.

Career:

After failing her university exam, Mercy Johnson asked a friend to help her get into the film industry. She says it took more than a year for her to get a call back.

In 2004, she began her career with the lead role in a film titled ‘The Maid’. For this role, she played a possessed housemaid. She went on to release three more movies that year.

She released a half a dozen movies in 2005. During the course of the following three years, she released almost one hundred movies.

In 2009, when she realized that things were becoming serious with Prince Odi, she stopped accepting romantic roles. He was uncomfortable with them, and she was so in love with him that she did not hesitate to give them up. She also made a reduction in her number of nude scenes.

She has appeared in more than 150 movies to date. Many of which have been major hits in the box office. Though she plans on starring in many more, since 2009 she has only released a handful of movies.

In November of 2013, she was banned from acting in Nollywood after film directors decided that her demands had become too high, and she was too pricey. The ban was lifted in May, the following year.

Her most recent film is ‘Thy Will Be Done’, which was released in February 2015.

Major Works:

After landing the leading role in her first film, Mercy Johnson rose to stardom at a rapid rate. She is one of the most sought after actresses in Nollywood.

Awards & Achievements:

In 2009 she won the ‘African Film Award for Best Supporting Actress’.

In 2013, she won Best Actress at the ‘Africa Magic Viewers Choice Awards’ for her role in ‘Dumebi the Dirty Girl’.

Personal Life & Legacy:

Mercy Johnson was married to her husband Edo Prince husband, Prince Odianosen Okojie in her family home in a traditional Edo ceremony dressed in symbolic garments. The ceremony was performed at her family home in Oke Adan, Gospel Village, Iyano, Isashi, Okoko, Lagos State on August 27, 2011.

She wed Prince Odi amidst scandal when a woman, Lovely Okojie, came forward insisting that he was still married to her. Prince Odi maintained that they were never legally married, but rather his parents had represented him in a traditional ceremony so that his children could be recognized as legitimate.

She gave birth to a daughter, Purity Ozioma Okojie, at an undisclosed hospital in the United States on December 30, 2012. The name Purity was given to her by her father. He says he chose her name because of his wife’s wonderful qualities.

Their son, Henry Ozioma Okojie, was born on October 15, 2014. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland.

She founded the ‘Mercy Johnson Foundation’ to help impoverished children and widows. She herself donates to the fund regularly.

Net Worth:

Mercy Johnson is one of the highest paid actresses in Nigeria. She grosses between 1.8 and 2 million Naira per film, amassing a net worth of approximately 55 million Naira.

Trivia:

This famous personality collects wrist watches. She says she loves them and is never without one.

Her husband does not watch her movies. He prefers to watch the news, and when time allows will also enjoy watching soccer.

Filmography:

Year	Film	Role	Notes
2004	<i>The Maid</i>	Jane	Drama, Supernatural
2004	<i>Into Temptation</i>		
2004	<i>House Party</i>		Drama, Romance
2005	<i>Women in Power</i>	Julia	I & II With Olu Jacobs, Liz Benson and Patience Ozokwor
2005	<i>Lost to Lust</i>	Esther	I & II with Monalisa Chinda and Yemi Blaq
2005	<i>Kill the Bride</i>	Love	I & II

2006	<i>Under the Sky</i>	Supriya	I & II
2006	<i>Under Control</i>	Eve	I & II
2006	<i>Thanksgiving</i>	Gift	
2006	<i>Sweet Mama</i>		
2006	<i>Pay Day</i>	Example	
2006	<i>Painful World</i>	Anny	
2006	<i>One-Bullet</i>	Juliet	
2006	<i>Oath of a Priest</i>	Kate	
2006	<i>Married to the Enemy</i>	Vera	
2006	<i>Last Kiss</i>		
2006	<i>Endless Night</i>		
2006	<i>Emotional Blunder</i>	Yvone	
2006	<i>Dear Mama</i>	Viola	

2006	<i>19 Macaulay Street</i>		
2007	<i>Wealth Aside</i>		
2007	<i>Twist of Fate</i>	Buchi	
2007	<i>The Scorpion God</i>	Ihuoma	
2007	<i>The Last Tradition</i>		
2007	<i>Take Me Home</i>	Loveth	
2007	<i>Sunny My Son</i>	Julier	
2007	<i>She is My Sister</i>		
2007	<i>Power of Justice</i>	Nkechi	
2007	<i>My Beloved Son</i>	Juliet	
2007	<i>Look Into My Eyes</i>	Loveth	
2007	<i>Kolomental</i>	Anna	
2007	<i>Keziah</i>	Keziah	

2007	<i>Genevieve</i>	Example	
2007	<i>Evil Agenda</i>	Diane	
2007	<i>Desperate Ladies</i>	Annabel	
2007	<i>Crisis in Paradise</i>	Kella	With Ini Edo , Mike Ezuruonye and Tonto Dikeh
2007	<i>Breath of Anger</i>	Chiaku	with Mike Ezuruonye
2007	<i>Area Mama</i>	Adanne	With Patience Ozokwor and Euchuria Anunobi
2008	<i>Tiger King</i>	Akwaugo	with Nonso Diobi and Pete Edochie
2008	<i>The Gods Are Wise</i>	Adaugo	with Nonso Diobi
2008	<i>Temple of Justice</i>	Nkechi	with Nonso Diobi and Omotola Jalade Ekeinde
2008	<i>Tell Me Why</i>	Jovita	
2008	<i>Soul Of A Maiden</i>	Nuria	with Ini Edo and Mike Ezuruonye
2008	<i>Strength to Strength</i>	Jane	I & II with Nonso Diobi , Patience Ozokwor , Mike Ezuruonye and Tonto Dikeh
2008	<i>Sin No More</i>	Bridget	I & II with Kanayo O. Kanayo , Patience Ozokwor and Halima Abubakar

2008	<i>Live to Remember</i>	Buchi	I & II with Ini Edo and Mike Ezuruonye
2008	<i>Kiss My Pain</i>		
2008	<i>Forest of Promises</i>	Police Inspector Bisi	I & II with Mike Ezuruonye
2008	<i>Don't Wanna Be a Player</i>	Monalisa	I & II with Ini Edo, Jim Lyke and Mike Ezuruonye
2008	<i>Corporate Maid</i>	Rose	I & II
2008	<i>Act of Faith</i>	Uche	I & II with Patience Ozokwor and Mike Ezuruonye
2009	<i>Tears of Hope</i>	Olamma	I & II with Olu Jacobs, Van Vicker and Ngozi Ezeonu
2009	<i>Royal Tears</i>	Olamma	I & II with Olu Jacobs, Van Vicker and Ngozi Ezeonu
2009	<i>Sound of Pain</i>		
2009	<i>Sexy Girls</i>	Zita	with Nonso Diobi
2009	<i>Heat of the Moment</i>	Anna	
2009	<i>Entanglement</i>	Chidera	I - IV with Uche Jombo, Desmond Elliot and Yemi Blaq

2009	<i>Clash of Twins</i>	Mildred / Melisa	I & II
2009	<i>Beyond Desire</i>	Anne	with Nonso Diobi
2009	<i>A Weeping Soul</i>		
2010	<i>A Cry for Justice</i>	Ella	
2011	<i>White Chapel</i>	Judith	
2011	<i>Where Money Sleep</i>	Egede	
2011	<i>Weeping Soul</i>	Grace	
2011	<i>The Seekers</i>	Judith	
2011	<i>The Code</i>	Susan	
2011	<i>Secret Code</i>	Susan	
2011	<i>Thanks for Coming</i>	Frieda	
2011	<i>Gallant Babes</i>	Frieda	
2011	<i>Mirror of Life</i>	Nneka	

2011	<i>End of Mirror of Life</i>	Nneka	
2011	<i>Jewels of the Sun</i>	Nneka	
2011	<i>Heart of a Widow</i>	June	
2011	<i>Heart of a Fighter</i>	Dubem	with Ruth Kadiri
2012	<i>World of the Mind</i>	Example	
2012	<i>My World</i>	Nancy	with Yul Edochie and Patience Ezokwor
2012	<i>Mercy the Bus Driver</i>	Ada	
2012	<i>Heart of a Saint</i>	Chidi	
2012	<i>Sins of the Past</i>	Wendy	
2012	<i>Hand of Fate</i>	Wendy	
2012	<i>Brave Mind</i>	Wendy	
2012	<i>Deep Water</i>	Erica	
2012	<i>The Enemy I See</i>	Erica	

2012	<i>Power Of A Kiss</i>	Sherry	
2013	<i>Baby Oku In America</i>	Baby Oku	Comedy
2014	<i>Hustlers</i>	Vicky	
2014	<i>Bloody Ring</i>		
2015	<i>Thy Will Be Done</i>	Lucy	

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